## **Butte County Property Owner Fined \$193,088 for Water Quality Violations at Cannabis Grow Site**

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**REDDING, CA –** The Central Valley Water Board approved a fine of \$193,088 against Butte County property owner Hanover Properties, LLC for failing to comply with clean up and abatement requirements dating to 2015 on property developed for cannabis cultivation.

The Board found that Hanover Properties failed to complete required cleanup actions, engaged in unpermitted grading on about 1.5 acres, and used an eroding access road that caused sediment to discharge into a tributary stream of Lake Oroville. The discharges resulted in increased turbidity levels in Canyon Creek that can harm in-stream aquatic life and habitat.

In addition to paying the fine, Hanover Properties is obligated to clean up the property.

"State and Regional Water Board staff and legal counsel, along with those of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, have gone to great lengths to hold Hanover Properties, LLC In-stream impacts from property discharges

accountable for its actions," said Clint Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Water Board's Redding office.

The investigation and <u>enforcement actions</u> are the result of a multiagency program formed specifically to address the adverse environmental impacts caused by cannabis cultivation.

For complete details on the settlement, please visit the announcements section on the <u>Central Valley Water Board's</u> home page.

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